

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Les Ferley, and we are richer because Les lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Les was born at Northwood, Iowa, on July 31, 1911; and,

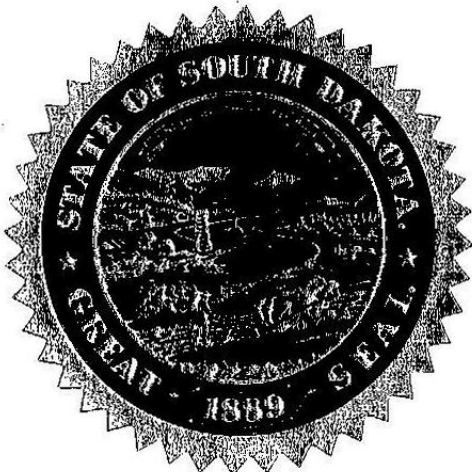
Whereas, Les is a well-known Pierre businessman who owned Ferley Jewelers in Pierre for over 60 years and he financed many young couples who could not afford to pay cash for their wedding rings; and,

Whereas, Les will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Dugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 31, 2011, as

LES FERLEY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Dugaard
Dennis Dugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State